

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This patent application entered the U.S. national stage under 35 U.S.C § 371 on April 22, 2005. The submission under 35 U.S.C § 371 of April 22, 2005, included a first Preliminary Amendment. It has been discovered that the first Preliminary Amendment of April 22, 2005, is clearly defective and does not correspond to the present application. In particular, it is readily apparent that the portions of the specification and the claims listed in the first Preliminary Amendment of April 22, 2005, do not correspond to the text of the present application as filed.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the first Preliminary Amendment of April 22, 2005, is defective as set forth in MPEP § 714.19(G) and that the entry of the first Preliminary Amendment should be denied as set forth in MPEP §§ 714.19 and 714.23.

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination of the application. The present application corresponds to an application originally filed in Japanese. The present amendment revises the application as translated into English to be in a format more closely corresponding to that customarily employed in U.S. patent practice, to eliminate multiple dependent claims, and to add new claims.

In the event that there are any impediments to entry of the present amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 25 day of August, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Burns Israelson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "B".

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